Robert A. Covington, Jr.

Robert Covington retires

Robert A. Covington, Jr., a senior research associate at E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Company's Engineering Technology Laboratory, recently retired after 31 years of service with that company.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Covington, Sr., and the nephew of Mrs. Mary Bagby of Appomattox County.

Covington earned a bachelor's degree in physics at Roanoke College, then joined the Navy after graduating from Roanoke in 1944. He was stationed in the South Pacific.

He was a physics instructor for VPI's extension service from 1947 through 1951, during which time he started his own company. He co-founded Goldtex Development Company in Goldston, N.C., in 1948 and stayed with it for two years before joining DuPont. His first assignment with the company was at the former Mechanical Development Laboratory in Wilmington, Del., as a research engineer.

He worked on new process innovation and development, and was soon promoted to senior research engineer. After a subsequent promotion to research associate, Covington transferred to Engineering Technology Laboratory at the Experimental Station in 1962.

He has been sole or joint recipient of 20 process patents including: development of the original Remington oriented plastic shot shell and related processes; early solid- state polymer orientation processes; new continuous chromium dioxide estrusion process; and continuous Viton Elastomeric Isolation process. He was promoted to senior research associate in 1975.

He and his wife Rachael plan to maintain their Foulk Woods residence during retirement, where Bob will pursue his various hobbies and continue inventing and engineering special projects.

Boys' Home to proceed with plans

Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Brookneal, has announced plans to move ahead with the development of a group home for 12 boys in Halifax County. This project has been under study since early in December. Robert W. McCullough, Executive Director, said "our cost estimates confirm that renovation of "Sunny View" is cost effective and studies of the facility indicate that it can be effectively adapted for use as a group home."

The Plantation will be renovating "Sunny View", the home which was donated to the Plantation, along with 100 acres of land at Cluster Springs, by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Rogers of Ashland. This is a most unique 14-room home which was built in 1894 by Mr. Rufus Owen, and it has been a special feature in southern Halifax County since it was built.

Renovations will begin just as soon as the details can be finalized with the contractor. Mr. John Burton, J. E. Burton Construction Co. has offered to complete this project at cost of labor and materials. The projected renovation cost is $150,000 - water and sewage installation $15,000 - furnishings $15,000 and vehicle for transportation $10,000 for a total project cost of $195,000 to get the home into operation.

It is anticipated that the renovation work and a fund raising drive will proceed simultaneously. Due to the large increase in requests for placement of boys, this project will be completed at the earliest possible date. For the past two years, there has been a steady increase in applications, and the need has become urgent. Last year, the Plantation was able to admit only 19% of those making inquiry for help. The fund raising drive will officially begin on April 1 and continue until the project is totally funded. Since the Plantation operates completely on voluntary contributions, this project will require the dedicated effort and support of the entire Plantation family of friends.

When put into operation, this satellite group home will accommodate twelve boys and housparents. The boys will range in age from 6 to 17 and will be non-delinquent boys who need placement outside their natural home for a multitude of reasons. The goal of the program is to provide the children with a model of a Christian home environment and include the total family unit in the reconstruction process. The boys will attend the local public school and will participate in local church and community activities.

SHIRLEY REYNOLDS (right) and Jerry Childress of Moses Motor Company both recently completed advanced General Motors technician training schools. Childress, Moses Motor's transmission technician, attended two transmission schools. Reynolds completed a computer command control and advanced computer command control courses. Both men are certified technicians, and the courses are part of the GM Master Technician Program. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

THE LIVE CANADIAN NIGHT CRAWLERS, featuring Johnny Taylor, was one of the featured attractions at the County-Wide Talent Show.

Assembly extends thanks

The Assembly wishes to thank all those many performers who helped to make this first a successful event.

Special thanks to Mr. Harwood of the Appomattox Hardware Co. whose voluntary contributions in assuring sound system resulted an expense savings of more than two hundred dollars.

Nor can we forget the groups who freely donated their services and equipment for this affair: Mr. James "Dink" Lacado of "Silver Steel", Mr. Ben Jones of "Turnkeys," and Mr. Franklin Vaughan of Times Virginian Printing Co.

Regular meeting of the Appomattox Assembly is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 7 p.m. in the AMS Annex.

Don't confuse charities

The Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society wants citizens of Appomattox County to know that other cancer or leukemia groups are not connected or affiliated in any way.

"Does the Leukemia Society have any connection with the American Cancer Society?" you may ask. The answer is NO.

The Leukemia Society of America, Inc. is a national health agency engaged in "the support of research, education, and patient aid concentrated only on the control of leukemia." Most of the services provided by this organization are also provided by the American Cancer Society as part of its overall service program. The statewide office is in Hampton, Virginia.

Appomattox County residents may contact the Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society through Miss Claudia Gordon, unit president. The regional office is in Lynchburg on Atherholt Road. A toll free number answering service is 1,800-552-7996.

About Pamplin, clay pipes

Dickerson has book published

Raymond C. Dickerson of near Pamplin has just published a new book about the history of Pamplin City and the Pamplin pipe factory, of which he is owner.

Dickerson, who has published material on the pipe factory before, includes in his latest book a detailed description of Pamplin in its early days, when its name was changed from Merrinnan's Shop to Pamplin, after a family which lived in the area.

The book also contains information on Pamplin in more recent years and as it is today, including information on the town's civic organizations, churches, businesses, and post office.

The second part of the book deals in depth with the clay pipe: its history, its relation to Pamplin and to the Pamplin industry.

The final portion of the book includes illustrations of the various types of pipes which were manufactured in the clay-pipe era. The illustrations are by Hallie Baldwin.

The books are on sale at Tolley's Market, Pamplin, and from Dickerson by mail order.

Tim Marshall elected

Tim Marshall, a junior at VPI and SU majoring in Business Management, has been elected to serve as treasurer for the Beta Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional business fraternity that promotes interest in degrees of business administration in institutions of higher learning.

Some of the activities that the Beta Xi Chapter holds are professional programs, faculty dinners and social events. Every year, money is raised for the Heart Association in a 50-hour Rock-a-Thon.

A spring banquet is held for members and alumni to culminate activities for the year.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Marshall of Appomattox.

VSRS seminar set

The Virginia Supplemental Retirement System will hold pre-retirement seminars in Farmville on April 5, and Danville on April 6. VSRS members who expect to retire within the next few years are invited to attend.

A morning session will be held state employees and an afternoon session will be held for school board and political subdivision employees.

Speakers from the retirement system, Social Security, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield (morning only) will make presentations and answer questions.

Registration is required. VSRS members who wish to attend should contact their personnel office to register and for details of exact time and location.

DEL. MARY SUE TERRY (D- Patrick County) was at the Gamma Theta chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma (international educator's sorority) meeting in Appomattox County recently. Ms. Terry spoke with members of the sorority about legislation which could affect educators in Virginia. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Farmville Area Market opens Easter Sunday

The Farmville Area Market will open Sunday, April 3 at 1 p.m. in the New Randolph Tobacco Warehouse, located on U.S. 460 three miles west of Farmville.

Featured for sale will be produce, bedding plants, flowers, and shrubs, ceramics, books, handmade crafts, flea market items, new and used furniture, collectibles and authentic antiques, and occasionally chicks and rabbits.

The market is open to the public free of charge from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone who wishes to sell at the market can get further information from Bob Bobbit at 392-6866.

Revised AES Menu

April 1 Sliced Ham, Hot Rolls, Lima Beans, Buttered Corn, Cake with icing, Milk.

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GET THE ANSWERS To These And Other Questions!

The Distributive Education Department at ACHS will sponsor a special class on April 11, 12, 18, 19 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 305. The cost for the class is just $10.00. Topics for the classes are listed below:

I. Modern Day Trend & Blueprint-Reading In Home Construction
II. Methods Of Present Day Financing & Economy Of Site Selection
III. The Anatomy Of A House
IV. Contracts W/General Contractor, Banks, Submen, General Suppliers

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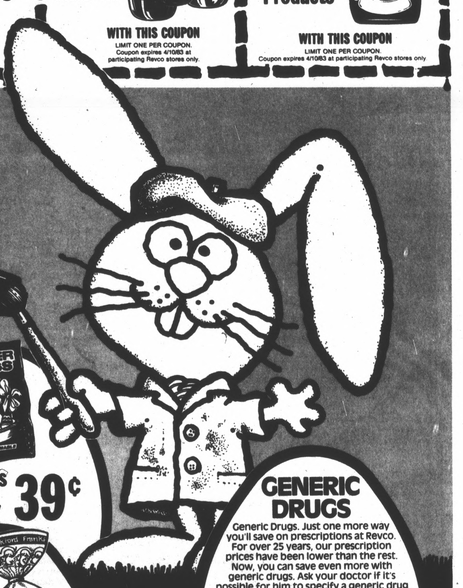

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